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In re application of: Gaëlle CHAUVELON et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING CELLULOSE
SULFOACETATE DERIVATIVES AND PRODUCTS AND
MIXTURES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, the following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following three new paragraphs before the paragraph beginning on page 9, between lines 26 and 27:

As Fig. 1 shows, the acetic anhydride quantity added to a cellulose residue should be lower than about 2 to 7 mols per mol of anhydroglucose and, preferably, about 3.2 mols per mol of anhydroglucose. Lower acetic anhydride quantities do not allow any esterification in the conditions indicated in Fig. 1 (time:

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